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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: October 11, 2006
Meeting Time: 1:30 P.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., Room 130
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 4

Members Present: Alex Slabosky, Chairperson; Tim Kennedy; Dr. James Sackett; Jean Macdonald; Theresa Jolivet; June Lyle; Nancy Jewell; Don Koors; Kyle Allen; Reggie Henderson; Lisa Winternheimer.

Members Absent: Lynn Clothier; Eric Walts; Chris Bojrab; Sheri Caveda; Dr. Anita Siccaldi; Pat Hansen.

Chairperson Slabosky called the meeting to order at 1:37 P.M.

Contact Lens Restraint of Trade Issue

Chairperson Slabosky asked Committee members whether they received his e-mail with the proposed recommendation draft concerning the contact lens issue. The Committee discussed the draft recommendation. See Exhibit 1. Committee members recommended changes, including adding that a committee of commerce or trade study the issue and that

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the committee consider the expiration of the settlement agreement on November 1, 2006 and any federal government action. The Committee further recommended that the General assembly not pass legislation if there is no evidence of restraint of trade. The final proposed recommendation states "The Committee consequently recommends that a committee of commerce or trade of the General Assembly study the issue in the next session, taking into consideration the expiration of the settlement agreement on November 1, 2006, and federal government action. The Committee further recommends that the General Assembly not pass legislation if the General Assembly finds no evidence of restraint of trade." The Committee voted unanimously to recommend this proposal.

Consolidation of Committees

The Committee discussed each entity that the Committee was directed to review for consolidation.

Medicaid Advisory Committee

The Committee recommended that no action be taken concerning the Medicaid Advisory Committee because the committee is required by federal law.

Medicaid Work Incentives Council

The Committee discussed the fact that this council is not required by federal law. Based on previous discussion by the Committee, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend eliminating this council.

Healthcare Account Advisory Board

The Committee noted that this board is not required by federal law. Further, the board has not met since 2002. The Committee unanimously recommended to eliminate this board.

Health Finance Advisory Committee/Health Policy Advisory Committee

Chairperson Slabosky distributed a spreadsheet concerning the proposed membership of the consolidation of the Health Finance Advisory Committee and the Health Policy Advisory Committee. See Exhibit 2. The Committee discussed changes to the charts, including adding a nursing home representative and adding a community mental health center representative. The language concerning the hospital membership and the nurse membership were also modified. The final makeup of the committee consists of 21 members plus two individuals who can be appointed by the chairperson of the Health Finance Commission. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend the proposed modified consolidation of the two advisory committees.

Final Report

The Committee was informed that the final report would be submitted to the Health Finance Commission and the Legislative Council. The Committee reviewed the draft of the final report and voted unanimously on the report. See Exhibit 3.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.